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Ontology

THE YEAR WAS 2306, AND EARTH'S FIRST MANNED SPACE SHIP WAS RETURNING FROM THE PLANET MARS! ANXIOUSLY... TENSELY... THE WHOLE WORLD AWAITED THIS MOMENTOUS RETURN! AND THEN COME THE MESSAGES FROM THE LONE HOME-BOUND SPACE SHIP... MESSAGES THAT FEARFULLY WARNED OF THE...

MENACE FROM MARS!

I TELL YOU, COLONEL--I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE AS *FIERCE* AS THOSE *MARTIANS!!* OR AS WELL ARMED!

NEITHER HAVE I, SERGEANT! I THINK *EARTH* IS IN FOR REAL *TROUBLE!*

ATTENTION, *EARTH!!* THIS IS SPACE SHIP E-M600A REPORTING!! WE ARE RETURNING HOME!! WE'VE FOUND AND MADE CONTACT WITH THE *MARTIANS!* THEY'RE A MODERN, BUT WARLIKE RACE -- AND THEY ARE *CAPABLE OF INVADING AND CONQUERING EARTH!*

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WHEN THE SHIP FINALLY REACHED EARTH, THERE WERE NO PLAYING BANDS-- NO CHEERING THRONGS; JUST AN APPREHENSIVE CROWD OF MUTE, WORRIED PEOPLE...

THE MARTIANS ARE ALL OVER 7 FEET! THEY'RE *POWERFUL*, AND *RUTHLESS!*

THEY THINK IT'S RIGHT TO *CONQUER* AND *SUBJUGATE* ANYONE THEY CAN!!

AND THEY'RE CONSIDERING *INVADING US!* BUT BEFORE THEY DECIDE, THEY WANT US TO SEND AN *ENVOY* TO THEM!

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THE WORLD COUNCIL WAS CALLED INTO AN EMERGENCY SESSION! I WAS A COUNCIL MEMBER! MY NAME IS LYNN HAMILTON!
GENTLEMEN, WE'LL SEND AN ENVOY TO THE MARTIANS, AS THEY REQUESTED! WE'LL CHOOSE A PHYSICALLY POWERFUL HUMAN WHO CAN MATCH THE MARTIANS' GREAT STRENGTH! IT MIGHT MAKE THEM CHANGE THEIR MINDS ABOUT ATTACKING US!
THAT WON'T WORK, MR. PRESIDENT!
THEN WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST WE DO, MR. HAMILTON?
I SUGGEST THAT YOU SEND ME TO MARS-- AS EARTH'S ENVOY!!
NO OFFENSE MEANT, MR. HAMILTON-- BUT DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE TOO --ER--AH...
YOU MEAN I'M TOO THIN AND WEAK --THAT MY SLIGHT BUILD WOULD MERELY ENCOURAGE THE MARTIANS TO ATTACK US!
WELL, MR. PRESIDENT-- WITHIN THIS LEAN BODY THERE EXISTS A BRAIN! A MIND, WHICH I BELIEVE CAPABLE OF HANDLING THE MARTIANS--OR ANYONE ELSE! THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU OR THE OTHER GENTLEMEN HAVE A BETTER IDEA, I REQUEST THAT YOU APPOINT ME, ENVOY TO MARS!
PARTLY BECAUSE I SEEMED CONFIDENT-- AND PARTLY BECAUSE NO ONE ELSE REALLY KNEW HOW TO FACE THE MARTIAN THREAT--I WAS APPOINTED THE OFFICIAL ENVOY FROM EARTH TO THE PLANET MARS!
DID YOU FOLLOW MY INSTRUCTIONS, CAPTAIN?
YES, MR. HAMILTON! THE CARGO YOU WANTED IS ABOARD SHIP! BUT I SURE DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WANTED SUCH A STRANGE CARGO!
HERE COMES THE EARTH SHIP!
I HAVE MY REASONS FOR WANTING IT!
A PUNY-LOOKING CRAFT!
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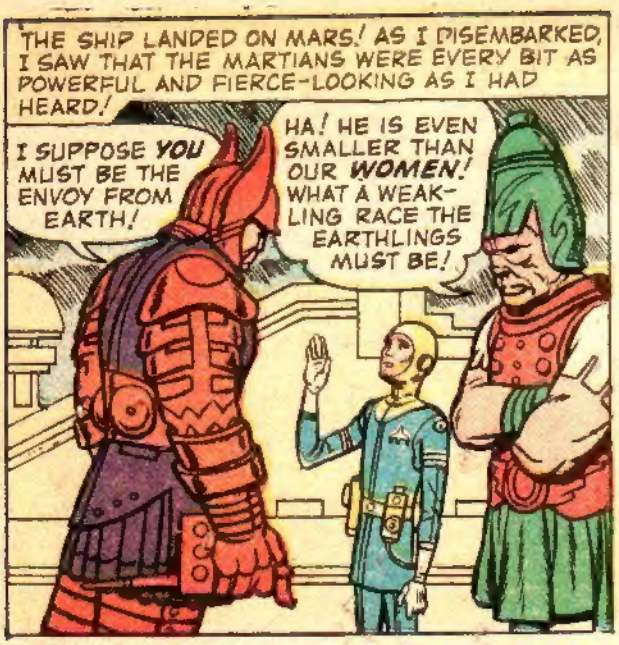
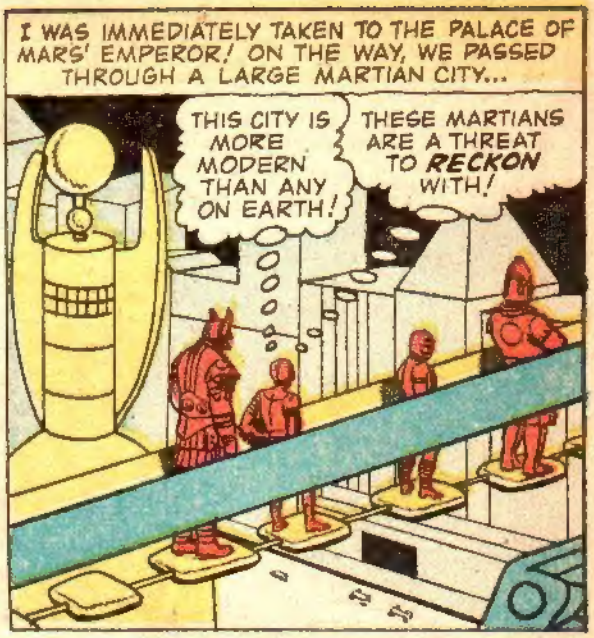
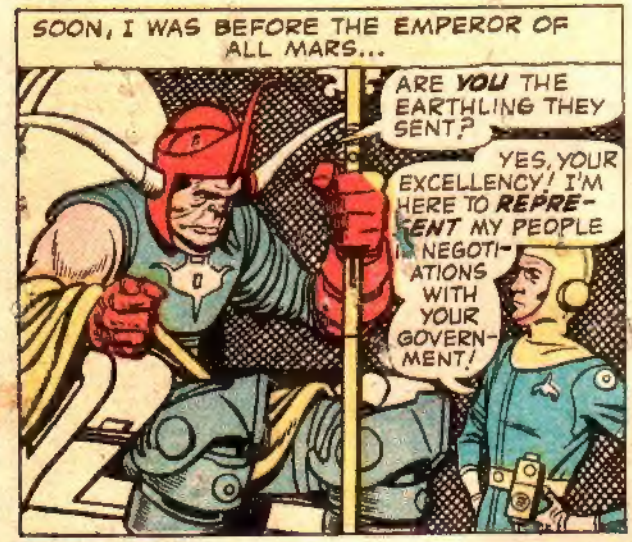
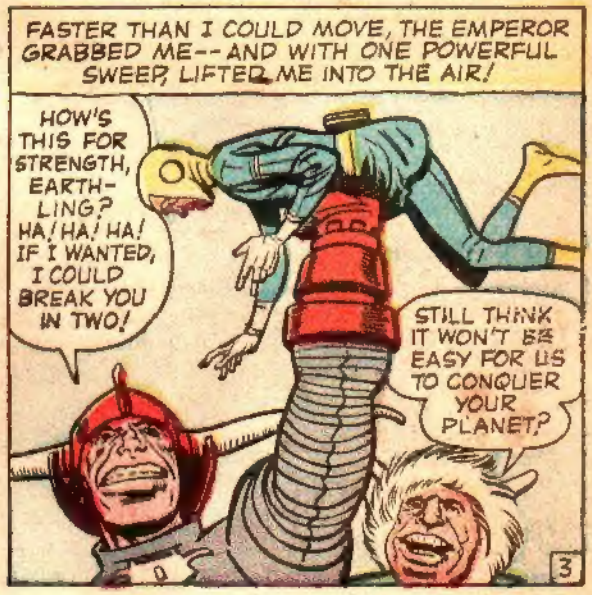

THE SHIP LANDED ON MARS! AS I DISEMBARKED, I SAW THAT THE MARTIANS WERE EVERY BIT AS POWERFUL AND FIERCE-LOOKING AS I HAD HEARD!
I SUPPOSE YOU MUST BE THE ENVOY FROM EARTH!
HA! HE IS EVEN SMALLER THAN OUR WOMEN! WHAT A WEAKLING RACE THE EARTHLINGS MUST BE!


I WAS IMMEDIATELY TAKEN TO THE PALACE OF MARS' EMPEROR! ON THE WAY, WE PASSED THROUGH A LARGE MARTIAN CITY...
THIS CITY IS MORE MODERN THAN ANY ON EARTH!
THESE MARTIANS ARE A THREAT TO RECKON WITH!


SOON, I WAS BEFORE THE EMPEROR OF ALL MARS...
ARE YOU THE EARTHLING THEY SENT?
YES, YOUR EXCELLENCY! I'M HERE TO REPRESENT MY PEOPLE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT!

HA! HA! HA! WHY, YOU PUNY CREATURE -- IF YOU'RE WHAT'S GOING TO REPRESENT EARTH, THERE'S NO LONGER ANY REASON TO NEGOTIATE! WE MARTIANS COULD EASILY CONQUER A PLANETFUL OF WEAKLINGS LIKE YOU!
I'M AFRAID YOU WON'T FIND IT THAT EASY, EXCELLENCY!

OH NO? JUST WATCH! I'LL SHOW YOU A MARTIAN'S STRENGTH!


FASTER THAN I COULD MOVE, THE EMPEROR GRABBED ME -- AND WITH ONE POWERFUL SWEEP, LIFTED ME INTO THE AIR!
HOW'S THIS FOR STRENGTH, EARTHLING? HA! HA! HA! IF I WANTED, I COULD BREAK YOU IN TWO!
STILL THINK IT WON'T BE EASY FOR US TO CONQUER YOUR PLANET?
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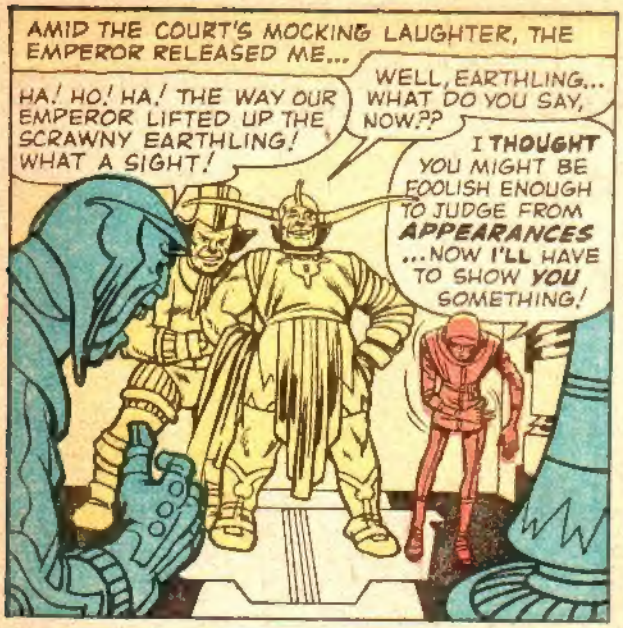
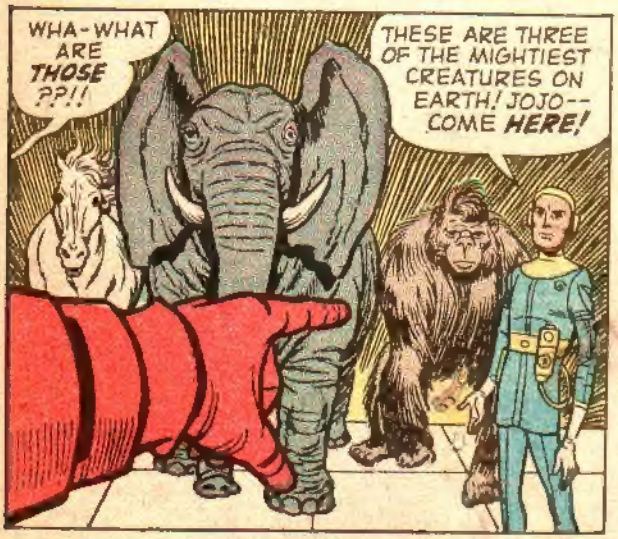
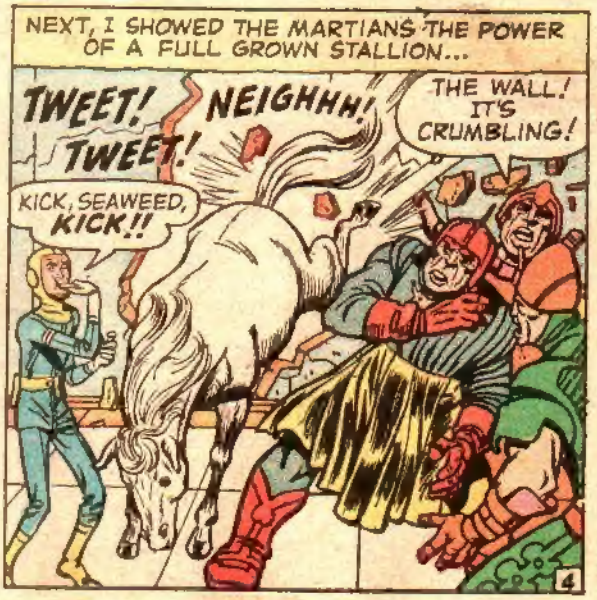

AMID THE COURT'S MOCKING LAUGHTER, THE EMPEROR RELEASED ME...
HA! HO! HA! THE WAY OUR EMPEROR LIFTED UP THE SCRAWNY EARTHLING! WHAT A SIGHT!
WELL, EARTHLING... WHAT DO YOU SAY, NOW??
I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO JUDGE FROM APPEARANCES ...NOW I'LL HAVE TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING!

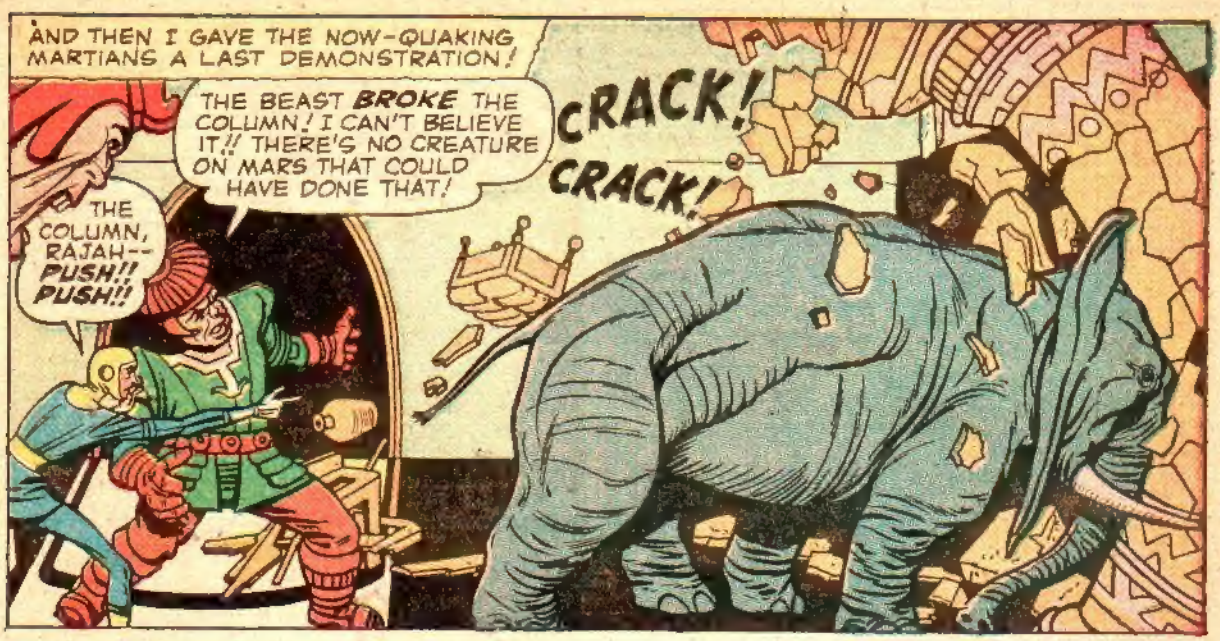
CAPTAIN! BRING IN OUR CARGO!


WHA-WHAT ARE THOSE ??!!
THESE ARE THREE OF THE MIGHTIEST CREATURES ON EARTH! JOJO-- COME HERE!

BEFORE THE EMPEROR KNEW WHAT HAD HAPPENED, HE AND AN AIDE WERE SWOOPED UP IN THE GIANT ARMS OF THE MIGHTY GORILLA...
(GASP) I-I CAN'T BREATHE-- I-I'M HELPLESS!!

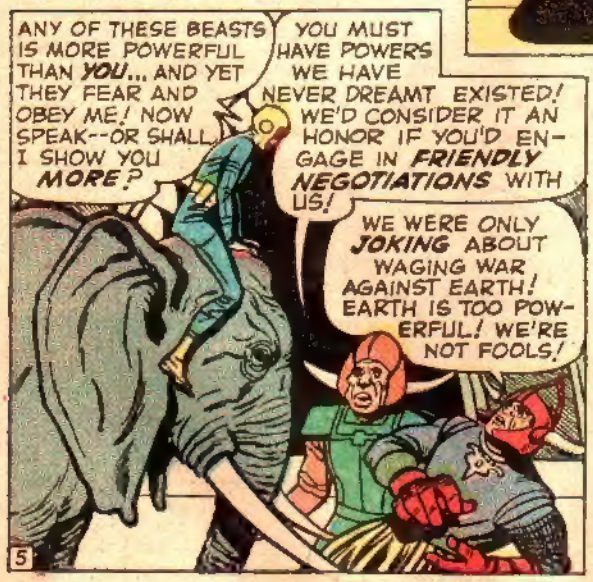
THEN, UPON MY COMMAND, THE TWO SQUIRMING, HELPLESS MARTIANS WERE RELEASED...
THAT'S A GOOD BOY, JOJO! HERE--
THAT'S THE (GASP) MOST POWERFUL CREATURE I'VE EVER SEEN!!
(WHEW!) HE ALMOST CRUSHED THE LIFE OUT OF ME! IT'S NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE!


NEXT, I SHOWED THE MARTIANS THE POWER OF A FULL GROWN STALLION...
TWEET! TWEET!
NEIGHHH!
THE WALL! IT'S CRUMBLING!
KICK, SEAWEED, KICK!!


AND THEN I GAVE THE NOW-QUAKING MARTIANS A LAST DEMONSTRATION!
THE BEAST BROKE THE COLUMN! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!! THERE'S NO CREATURE ON MARS THAT COULD HAVE DONE THAT!
CRACK!
CRACK!
THE COLUMN, RAJAH-- PUSH!! PUSH!!

YOU'VE JUST SEEN THREE EARTH CREATURES WHICH ARE STRONGER THAN YOU MARTIANS-- CORRECT?
Y-YES!

I THEN PERFORMED SOME ELEMENTARY TRICKS WITH THE 3 ANIMALS! THAT IS, TO EARTHMEN THEY WOULD BE ELEMENTARY-- BUT TO THE MARTIANS THEY WERE NOTHING SHORT OF ASTOUNDING!!
I WILL SHOW THAT AN EARTHMAN IS SUPERIOR TO ALL THESE CREATURES! I WILL SHOW YOU I AM THEIR MASTER! DOWN, SEAWEED!
THAT'S IT, JOJO-- ROLL OVER!
NOW STAND UP, RAJAH, UNTIL I CHANGE THE COMMAND!


ANY OF THESE BEASTS IS MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU... AND YET THEY FEAR AND OBEY ME! NOW SPEAK--OR SHALL I SHOW YOU MORE?
YOU MUST HAVE POWERS WE HAVE NEVER DREAMT EXISTED! WE'D CONSIDER IT AN HONOR IF YOU'D ENGAGE IN FRIENDLY NEGOTIATIONS WITH US!
WE WERE ONLY JOKING ABOUT WAGING WAR AGAINST EARTH! EARTH IS TOO POWERFUL! WE'RE NOT FOOLS!
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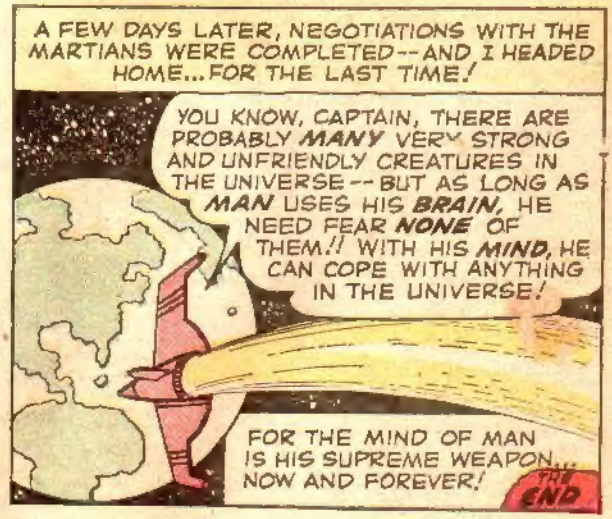
A FEW DAYS LATER, NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE MARTIANS WERE COMPLETED--AND I HEADED HOME...FOR THE LAST TIME!
YOU KNOW, CAPTAIN, THERE ARE PROBABLY MANY VERY STRONG AND UNFRIENDLY CREATURES IN THE UNIVERSE--BUT AS LONG AS MAN USES HIS BRAIN, HE NEED FEAR NONE OF THEM!! WITH HIS MIND, HE CAN COPE WITH ANYTHING IN THE UNIVERSE!
FOR THE MIND OF MAN IS HIS SUPREME WEAPON... NOW AND FOREVER!
THE END

THE UTOPIA

EVERY year Bob Winkle and Fred Dunn met for lunch in the city. It was always an occasion for both of them, for they had been brought up together as boys. In the small town where they had lived, they attended the same school.

When it came time for them to make their way in the world, they went their separate ways. But they both decided that they would continue their friendship in the busy world by meeting each year at The Utopia, a restaurant on Eighth Street.

As the years went by, the friendly, round-faced manager of the restaurant came to know them. He would smile broadly when he saw them and offer them the best table in the house.

"Well, how are things going with you?" Bob Winkle would ask.

"I'm handling a big job . . . a very big job," Fred would say importantly. "In time I wouldn't be surprised if they made me a vice-president of the firm."

Bob Winkle would draw himself up in his chair importantly.

"If things keep going the way they are for me, I expect I shall be in line for the presidency of my organization."

And so it would go. Each friend would try to impress the other one with the measure of his success. In time, each one felt a little foolish as he embroidered upon the story of his huge success. But once such tales begin it is very hard to stop them. And so the stories became more fantastic each time they got together, and neither one of them had the courage to admit the truth.

Bob Winkle particularly had the feeling that Fred had risen far above him. His shirts and ties were always the finest. He really looked like an expensive edition of the big business man he claimed to be. Bob, on the other hand, had a hard time keeping up appearances even for the one day a year they got together. In time, he really came to believe that Fred was by far richer and more important than he could ever be.

He brooded foolishly about this. And all winter he worked long hours, perched on the high stool in the bookkeeping department where he worked. He saved his pennies carefully and was looking forward to a brief vacation that summer until the time neared for his get-together with his friend Fred.

The clothing stores on the avenue were stocked with choice goods that were far beyond his income. He imagined himself nattily dressed for the luncheon meeting with Fred. Wouldn't Fred be impressed if he appeared for that appointment in one of the fine suits he saw there! Of course what he might do was take the money he had saved for his vacation and invest in the handsome clothing. He realized that this would be a foolish expense, but he couldn't dismiss the possibility from his mind.

Finally the day neared for the annual date with his friend and Bob was too proud to wear the cheap, shiny suit he always did. He took his hard-earned money and bought himself a really expensive outfit.

To further impress Fred, he hailed a taxi on the appointed day and prepared to drive up to the restaurant in style.

As they were driving along, it suddenly occurred to Bob that they had traveled quite a long distance.

"Say there," he said to the cab driver, whose back was to him, "are you sure you know where The Utopia restaurant is? My, it's certainly getting foggy outside, isn't it?"

As he stared through the windows he suddenly realized that he could barely see through them. Swirls of grey fog hovered outside. He rolled down the window, and when he put his head out, the most amazing sight was revealed to him!

Instead of being on the road, the strange taxi had lifted skywards. At that very moment they were banking above the clouds.

"What's the meaning of this!" Bob demanded angrily. "If you think I'm going to pay for this roundabout ride, you're mistaken!"

"Take it easy, bud," the cab driver said still gaining altitude. "We're almost there."

The brakes screeched, and when Bob looked out, he saw they had stopped on a magnificent, snowy white, cloud

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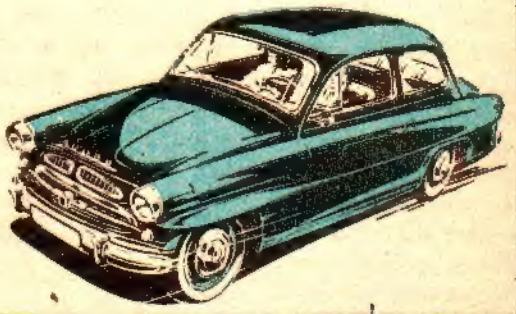

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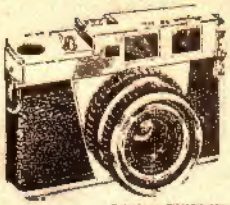

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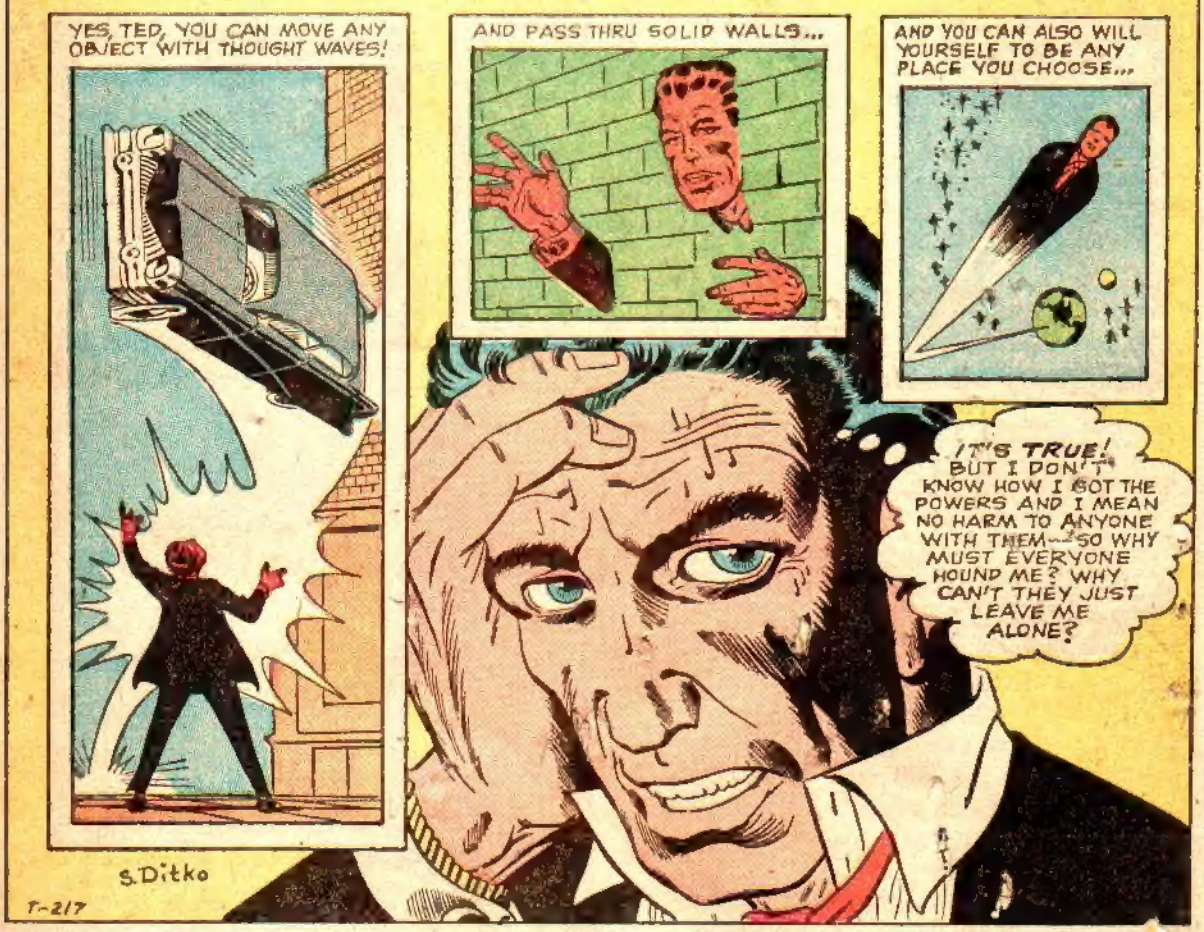
YES, TED, YOU CAN MOVE ANY OBJECT WITH THOUGHT WAVES!
AND PASS THRU SOLID WALLS...
AND YOU CAN ALSO WILL YOURSELF TO BE ANY PLACE YOU CHOOSE...
IT'S TRUE! BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW I GOT THE POWERS AND I MEAN NO HARM TO ANYONE WITH THEM—SO WHY MUST EVERYONE HOUND ME? WHY CAN'T THEY JUST LEAVE ME ALONE?
S. Ditko
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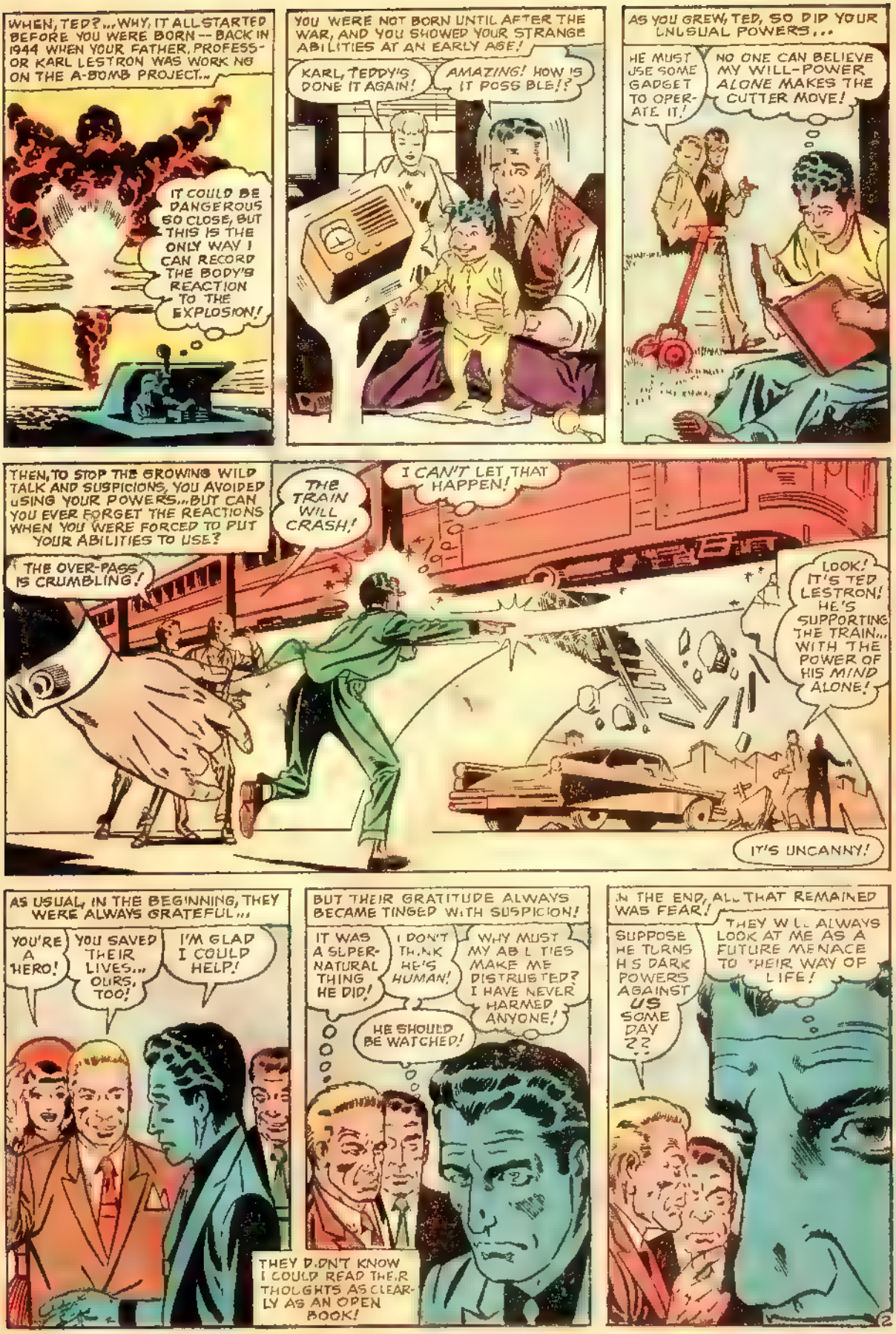
YOU KNOW WHY THEY CAN'T, TED! YOU KNOW THE FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCIES ARE HUNTING YOU! THEY MUST PREVENT YOUR FALLING INTO THE HANDS OF UNFRIENDLY FOREIGN POWERS OR UNSCRUPULOUS PEOPLE WHO WOULD USE YOUR STRANGE ABILITIES FOR THEIR OWN SELFISH INTERESTS!
NO! LEAVE ME BE! I WON'T GO WITH YOU!
YOU MUST COME WITH US! IT'S FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY!


WHEN, TED?... WHY, IT ALL STARTED BEFORE YOU WERE BORN -- BACK IN 1944 WHEN YOUR FATHER, PROFESSOR KARL LESTRON WAS WORKING ON THE A-BOMB PROJECT...
IT COULD BE DANGEROUS SO CLOSE, BUT THIS IS THE ONLY WAY I CAN RECORD THE BODY'S REACTION TO THE EXPLOSION!
YOU WERE NOT BORN UNTIL AFTER THE WAR, AND YOU SHOWED YOUR STRANGE ABILITIES AT AN EARLY AGE!
KARL, TEDDY'S DONE IT AGAIN!
AMAZING! HOW IS IT POSS BLE!?
AS YOU GREW, TED, SO DID YOUR UNUSUAL POWERS...
HE MUST USE SOME GADGET TO OPERATE IT!
NO ONE CAN BELIEVE MY WILL-POWER ALONE MAKES THE CUTTER MOVE!
THEN, TO STOP THE GROWING WILD TALK AND SUSPICIONS, YOU AVOIDED USING YOUR POWERS... BUT CAN YOU EVER FORGET THE REACTIONS WHEN YOU WERE FORCED TO PUT YOUR ABILITIES TO USE?
THE TRAIN WILL CRASH!
I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN!
THE OVER-PASS IS CRUMBLING!
LOOK! IT'S TED LESTRON! HE'S SUPPORTING THE TRAIN... WITH THE POWER OF HIS MIND ALONE!
IT'S UNCANNY!
AS USUAL, IN THE BEGINNING, THEY WERE ALWAYS GRATEFUL...
YOU'RE A HERO!
YOU SAVED THEIR LIVES... OURS, TOO!
I'M GLAD I COULD HELP!
BUT THEIR GRATITUDE ALWAYS BECAME TINGED WITH SUSPICION!
IT WAS A SUPERNATURAL THING HE DID!
I DON'T THINK HE'S HUMAN!
WHY MUST MY ABILITIES MAKE ME DISTRUSTED? I HAVE NEVER HARMED ANYONE!
HE SHOULD BE WATCHED!
THEY DON'T KNOW I COULD READ THEIR THOUGHTS AS CLEARLY AS AN OPEN BOOK!
IN THE END, ALL THAT REMAINED WAS FEAR!
SUPPOSE HE TURNS HIS DARK POWERS AGAINST US SOME DAY ??
THEY WILL ALWAYS LOOK AT ME AS A FUTURE MENACE TO THEIR WAY OF LIFE!
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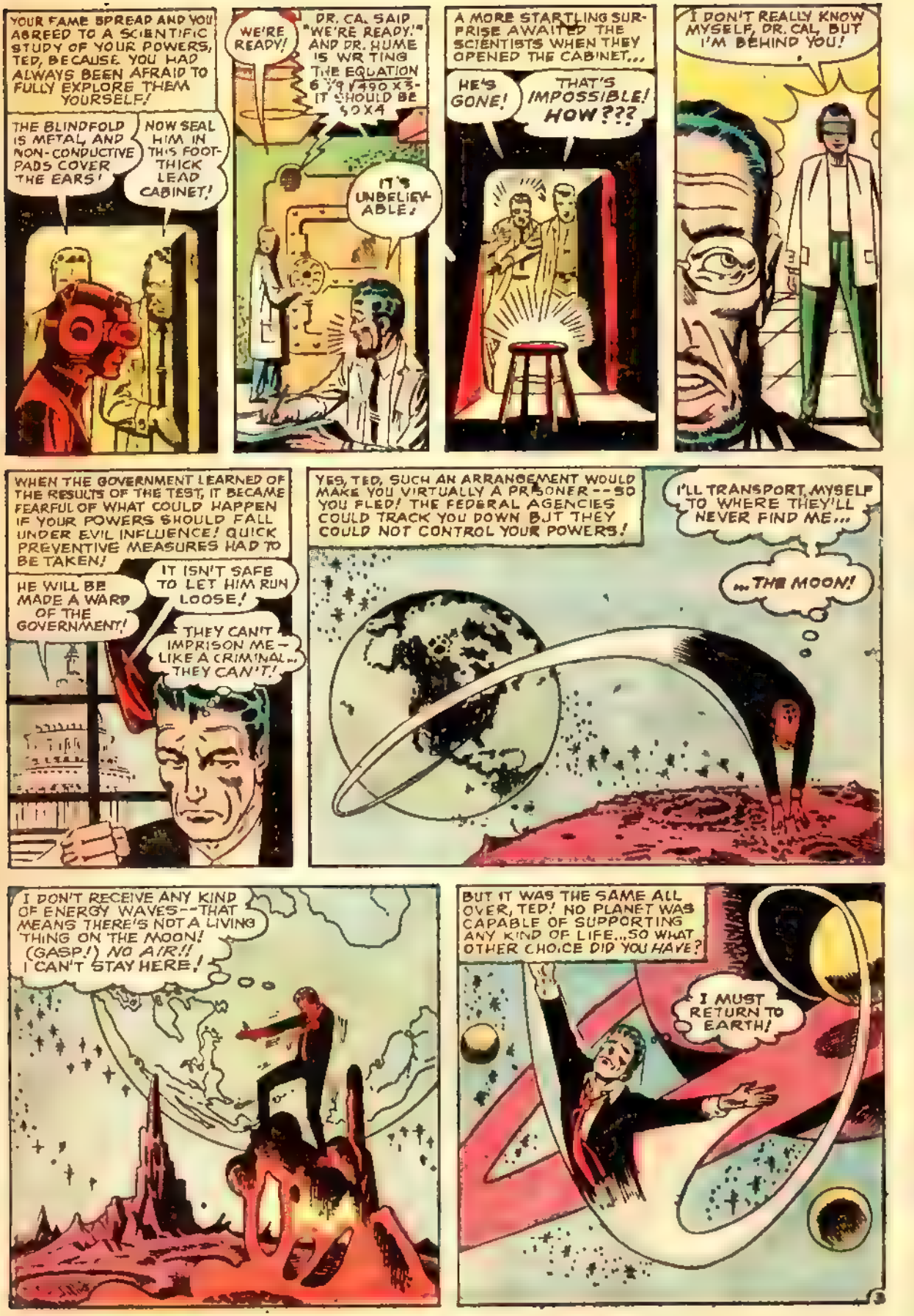
YOUR FAME SPREAD AND YOU AGREED TO A SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF YOUR POWERS, TED, BECAUSE YOU HAD ALWAYS BEEN AFRAID TO FULLY EXPLORE THEM YOURSELF!
THE BLINDFOLD IS METAL AND NON-CONDUCTIVE PADS COVER THE EARS!
NOW SEAL HIM IN THIS FOOT-THICK LEAD CABINET!
WE'RE READY!
DR. CA. SAID "WE'RE READY!" AND DR. HUME IS WR TING THE EQUATION 6 √9 √490 X3- IT SHOULD BE 60X4
IT'S UNBELIEV-ABLE!
A MORE STARTLING SUR-PRISE AWAITED THE SCIENTISTS WHEN THEY OPENED THE CABINET...
HE'S GONE!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! HOW???
I DON'T REALLY KNOW MYSELF, DR. CAL, BUT I'M BEHIND YOU!
WHEN THE GOVERNMENT LEARNED OF THE RESULTS OF THE TEST, IT BECAME FEARFUL OF WHAT COULD HAPPEN IF YOUR POWERS SHOULD FALL UNDER EVIL INFLUENCE! QUICK PREVENTIVE MEASURES HAD TO BE TAKEN!
HE WILL BE MADE A WARD OF THE GOVERNMENT!
IT ISN'T SAFE TO LET HIM RUN LOOSE!
THEY CAN'T IMPRISON ME— LIKE A CRIMINAL.. THEY CAN'T!
YES, TED, SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WOULD MAKE YOU VIRTUALLY A PRISONER--SO YOU FLED! THE FEDERAL AGENCIES COULD TRACK YOU DOWN BUT THEY COULD NOT CONTROL YOUR POWERS!
I'LL TRANSPORT MYSELF TO WHERE THEY'LL NEVER FIND ME...
..THE MOON!
I DON'T RECEIVE ANY KIND OF ENERGY WAVES--THAT MEANS THERE'S NOT A LIVING THING ON THE MOON! (GASP!) NO AIR!! I CAN'T STAY HERE!
BUT IT WAS THE SAME ALL OVER, TED! NO PLANET WAS CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING ANY KIND OF LIFE..SO WHAT OTHER CHOICE DID YOU HAVE?
I MUST RETURN TO EARTH!

I MUST FIND A SAFE PLACE TO STAY! SOMEWHERE WHERE NO ONE CAN FIND ME!
YOU'VE HEARD OF ONE SUCH A SPOT, TED! IT'S CERTAINLY ISOLATED ENOUGH FOR YOUR NEEDS! SO--GO TO IT!
THE DEAD ANCIENT CITY OF KORA! NOTHING BUT JUNGLE ANIMALS AND GROWTH AROUND HERE! NOW I'LL BE ABLE TO THINK THINGS OUT CLEARLY AND DECIDE WHAT I SHOULD DO!
BUT NO SOONER HAD YOU SET YOURSELF DOWN WHEN YOU WERE CONFRONTED WITH THE SHOCK OF YOUR LIFE...!
YOU WILL COME WITH ME, TED LESTRON!
WHAT -! HOW CAN SOMEONE WHO KNOWS ME BE HERE -- AND WAITING FOR ME ???
NO! I WILL NOT GO WITH ANY--!
I MEAN NO HARM, BUT I HAVE BEEN SENT TO BRING YOU BACK!
HE'S FROZEN MY MOVEMENTS WITH A POWER GREATER THAN MINE!
WE HAVE LEARNED OF YOU! MY GROUP AWAITS YOUR ARRIVAL!
WHAT KIND OF GROUP? WHAT DO YOU WANT?? HOW DID YOU FIND ME???
SOON YOU WILL KNOW! NOW RELAX, MY SON... I WILL BE THE FORCE FOR BOTH OF US!
HE'S LIKE ME, BUT HIS POWERS ARE MORE FULLY DEVELOPED..
IN THE NEXT INSTANT, TED, YOU AND THE STRANGER WERE STREAKING AROUND THE WORLD AND YOUR CURIOSITY SEEMED TO BE RACING AHEAD OF YOU!
WHERE CAN HE BE TAKING ME? -- ARE THERE MORE LIKE HIM? -- WHO IS HE?
TIME AND SPACE MEAN NOTHING TO SUCH AS US, MY FRIEND!
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IN THE PACIFIC, ON A SMALL ISLAND, WELL AWAY FROM THE REGULAR TRADE ROUTES, A SMALL SELECT GROUP AWAITED YOUR ARRIVAL, TED!
THEY COME!
GOOD! HE HAS BROUGHT THE NEW MEMBER!
YOU HAD A RIGHT TO BE AMAZED, TED, AT THE SIGHTS THAT GREETED YOU!
OUR MINDS CONTROL ALL ACTIONS! YOU WILL SEE EVERYTHING LATER BUT FIRST WE MUST TELL YOU WHY YOU HAVE BEEN BROUGHT HERE AND WHY YOU ARE SO GIFTED WITH UNUSUAL POWERS!
I--I HAD ALWAYS THOUGHT I WAS THE ONLY ONE!
ALL OF US HERE ARE MEN WITH ATOMIC BRAINS! WE WERE BORN OF PARENTS WHO HAD COME IN CONTACT WITH A DEFINITE AMOUNT OF RADIATION BEFORE OUR BIRTH!
DAD WORKED ON THE A-BOMB --SO THAT'S WHAT DID IT!
THIS SPECIFIC AMOUNT HAS THE POWER TO SPEED UP MAN'S EVOLUTION TO A POSITION HE WOULD NOT NORMALLY REACH FOR ANOTHER THOUSAND YEARS! AT THAT TIME EVERYONE WILL BE AS YOU OR I!
BUT TODAY, MAN DOES NOT UNDERSTAND OUR DIFFERENCES...SO WE HAVE GATHERED HERE, STUDYING AND PLANNING TOGETHER...
...FOR A WAY TO SPEED THE DAY WHEN THE WORLD WILL BE READY TO ACCEPT US...THEN WE WILL STEP FORTH AND LEAD MANKIND ON THE RIGHT PATH TO ITS GLORIOUS FUTURE! PERHAPS YOU CAN SEE IT DIMLY NOW...YOU CAN HELP MAKE IT A REALITY! WILL YOU STAY WITH US?
I SEE IT ALL NOW! WE'RE THE FORERUNNERS OF THE NEW TYPE OF MAN... AS HE WILL BE!
AND WE'LL HELP MANKIND WITH OUR GREAT POWERS... FOR HIS OWN GOOD... UNTIL ALL MEN BECOME OUR EQUALS!
YES, TED, YOU WILL STAY! SOMEHOW IT DOESN'T SEEM SO FAR OFF TO YOU NOW, DOES IT?
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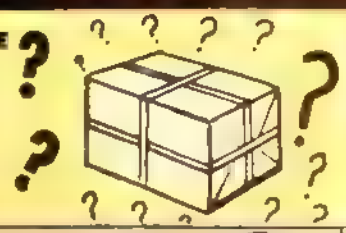

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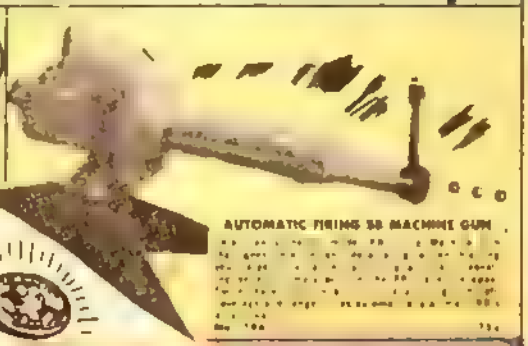

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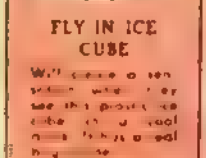

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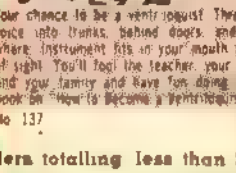

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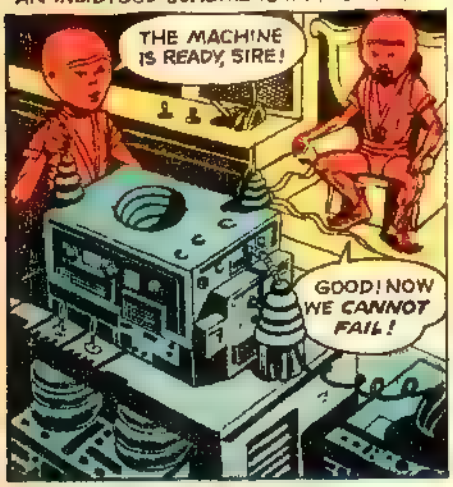
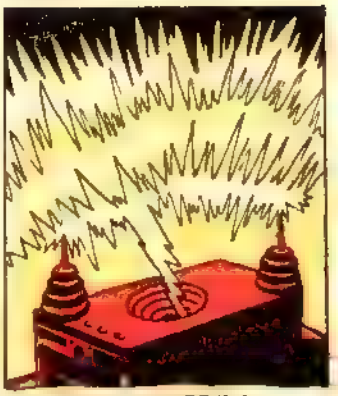
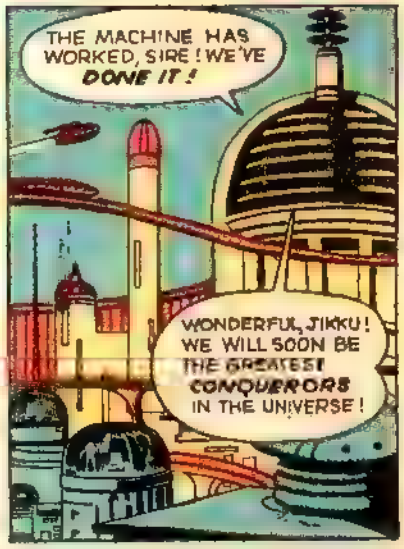
TRAPPED on EARTH

ON A REMOTE PLANET, DEEP WITHIN THE FAR REACHES OF OUR UNIVERSE, AN INSIDIOUS SCHEME IS TAKING PLACE..





SUDDENLY, THERE IS A BLINDING FLASH AS THE MACHINE IS TURNED ON—AS A **MAGNETOCHEMICAL TRANSITION** TAKES PLACE...



SLOWLY YOU BEGIN TO STIR--TO MOVE--TO FLOAT... AND THEN THE INCREDIBLE HAPPENS... GRADUALLY, YOU ACHIEVE **CONSCIOUSNESS**.. YOU BECOME **AWARE**---THE MACHINE HAD DONE ITS JOB! YOU, A **FORMLESS INTELLIGENCE**, HAVE JUST BEEN CREATED--- HAVE JUST BEEN **BORN!**

AMORPHOUS VAPOR, ARE YOU AWARE OF WHO YOU ARE?

YES! I AM AN ***INTELLIGENCE*** THAT YOU HAVE JUST BROUGHT TO ***LIFE!*** I AM ON THE PLANET, ***SERPUS MENTORIA!*** THIS PLANET IS MY HOME AND I WILL FULFILL MY DUTY TO IT BY HELPING YOU TO **CONQUER** ALIEN CREATURES IN THE UNIVERSE!

* EXCELLENT! AND THE FIRST CREATURES WE HAVE SELECTED FOR INVASION ARE THE ***HUMAN BEINGS*** ON THE DISTANT PLANET, ***EARTH!***

THE NEXT DAY YOU BOARD AN INTERSTELLAR SPACESHIP... DESTINATION: **EARTH!**

DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE TO DO, VAPOR?

YES! WHEN WE LAND ON THE PLANET EARTH, I WILL SELECT A SUITABLE EARTHLING, WHOM I WILL *DOMINATE*---AND WHOSE *MIND* I WILL **ENSLAVE!**

YOU CONTINUE TO REVIEW YOUR WELL INGRAINED MISSION, AS THE ROCKET SHIP CROSSES COUNTLESS MILES OF SPATIAL VOID...

ONCE I AM **MASTER** OF HIS MIND, I WILL COMPEL HIM TO COME TO OUR ROCKETSHIP! HE'LL BE TAKEN BACK TO OUR PLANET AND I'LL **MAKE** HIM GIVE US ALL THE **INFORMATION WE NEED IN ORDER TO INVADE EARTH!**

IF I DO NOT RETURN TO THE SHIP WITH N 24 HOURS, YOU WILL KNOW THAT THE EARTHLING'S MIND WAS TOO STRONG FOR ME TO ENSLAVE...

BECAUSE, ONCE YOU HAVE **DOMINATED** HIM, YOU WILL **NEVER** BE ABLE TO LEAVE HIM UNLESS YOU FORCE **HIM** TO COME TO OUR SHIP, YOU WILL **REMAIN WITHIN HIM ON EARTH, FOREVER!**

TRAVELING AT FASTER-THEN-LIGHT SPEED, IT IS SOON AFTERWARDS THAT YOU ENTER THE ATMOSPHERE OF EARTH...

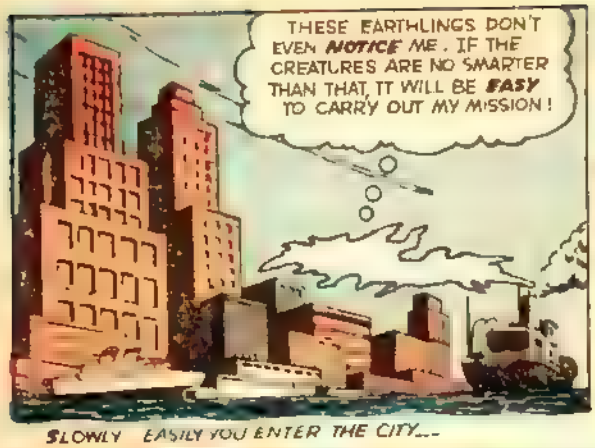
THEN YOU LAND...

REMEMBER... BE VERY **CAREFUL** WHOM YOU **SELECT** TO DOMINATE! ONCE YOU'VE DONE IT, THERE'S **NO** TURNING BACK! AND WE'LL ONLY WAIT 24 HOURS!

YES, I'LL BE CAREFUL!

SILENTLY, YOU MAKE YOUR WAY THROUGH THE EARTH FOREST UNTIL YOU COME TO THE OTHER END, WHERE YOU SEE A LARGE CITY NEARBY...

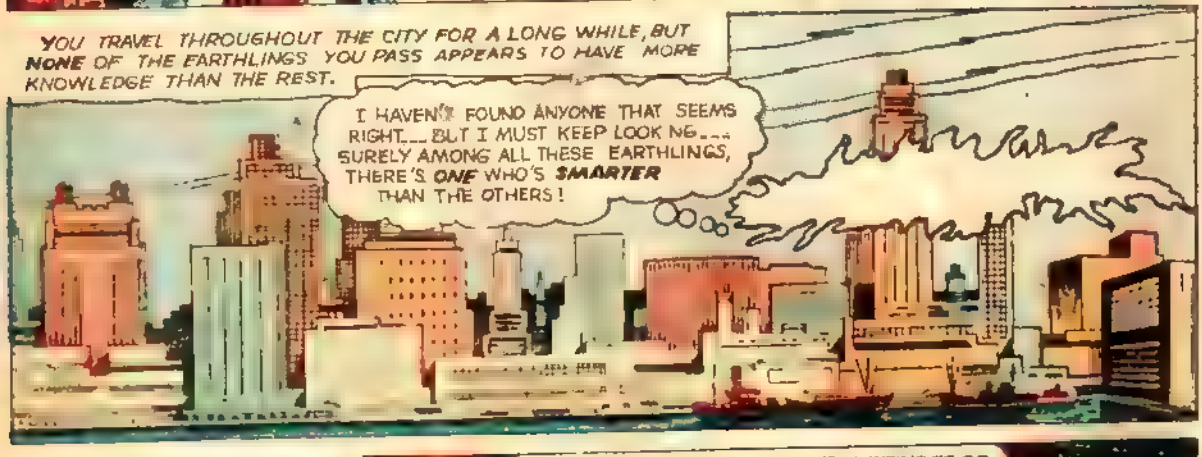
THERE MUST BE MANY EARTH BEINGS GATHERED IN THAT CITY! I'LL GO THERE AND ENSLAVE ONE OF THEM!



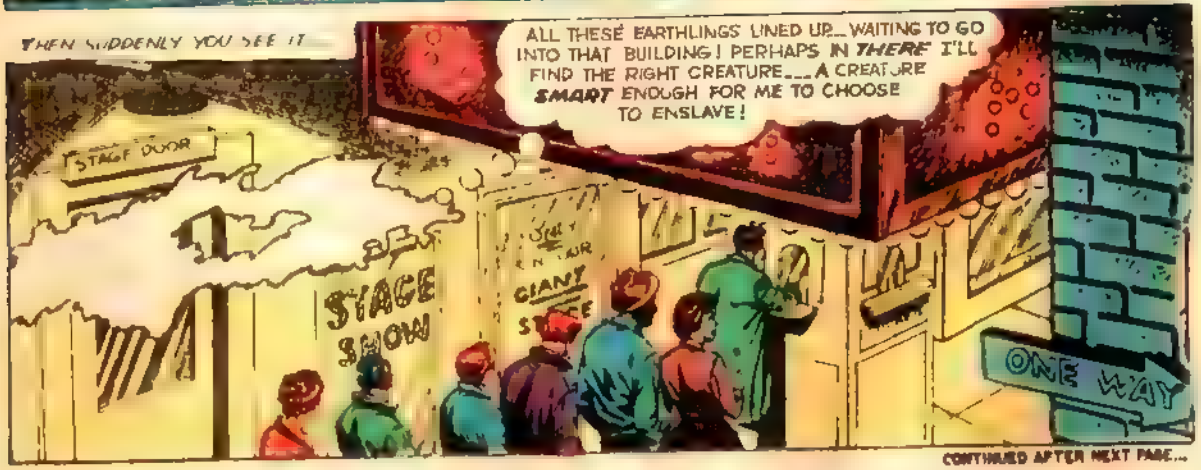
SLOWLY EASILY YOU ENTER THE CITY...

I MUST SELECT AN EARTHLING WHO KNOWS ALL THE THINGS THAT WE SERPUS MENTORIANS HAVE TO FIND OUT BEFORE WE CAN INVADE EARTH....AN EARTHLING WITH INTELLIGENCE AND KNOWLEDGE!

YOU TRAVEL THROUGHOUT THE CITY FOR A LONG WHILE, BUT NONE OF THE EARTHLINGS YOU PASS APPEARS TO HAVE MORE KNOWLEDGE THAN THE REST.


I HAVEN'T FOUND ANYONE THAT SEEMS RIGHT....BUT I MUST KEEP LOOKING.... SURELY AMONG ALL THESE EARTHLINGS, THERE'S ONE WHO'S SMARTER THAN THE OTHERS!

THEN SUDDENLY YOU SEE IT


ALL THESE EARTHLINGS LINED UP...WAITING TO GO INTO THAT BUILDING! PERHAPS IN THERE I'LL FIND THE RIGHT CREATURE....A CREATURE SMART ENOUGH FOR ME TO CHOOSE TO ENSLAVE!
STAGE DOOR
STAGE SHOW
GIANT
ONE WAY

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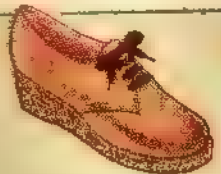

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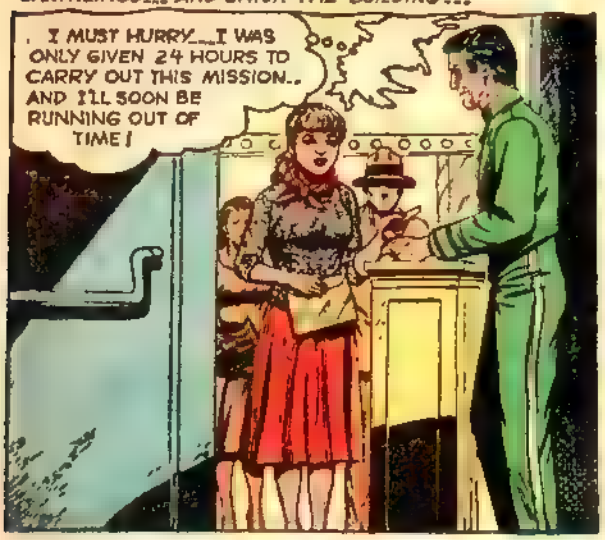
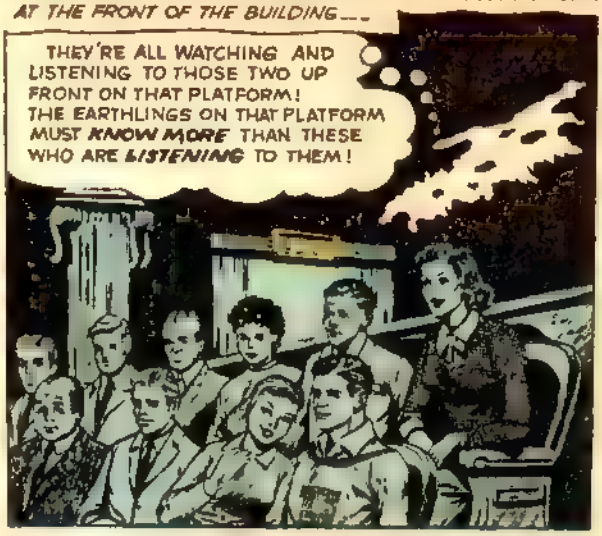
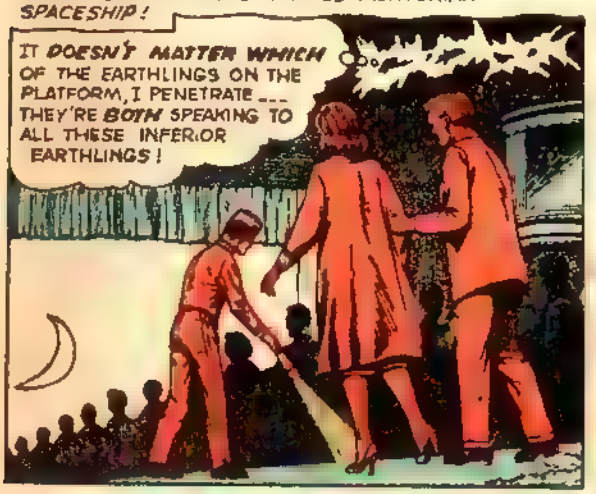
DEFTLY, YOU DRIFT PAST THE FOOLISH, UNSUSPECTING EARTHLINGS... AND ENTER THE BUILDING...



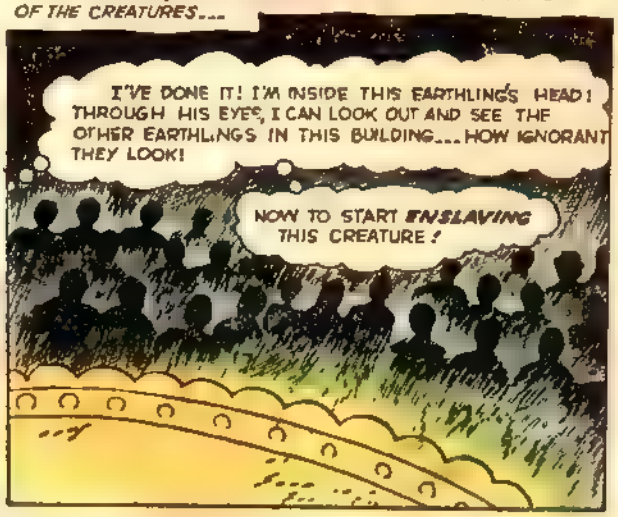
YOU SEE ALL THESE CREATURES WITH THEIR EYES FIXED UPON TWO EARTHLINGS WHO ARE ON A PLATFORM AT THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING...


THEY'RE ALL WATCHING AND LISTENING TO THOSE TWO UP FRONT ON THAT PLATFORM! THE EARTHLINGS ON THAT PLATFORM MUST KNOW MORE THAN THESE WHO ARE LISTENING TO THEM!

YOU QUICKLY DECIDE THAT THE TIME IS RIPE! YOU WILL SELECT YOUR EARTHLING, DOMINATE HIM, CONQUER HIS WILL, AND FORCE HIM TO GO BACK TO THE WAITING SERPUS MENTORIAN SPACESHIP!


IT DOESN'T MATTER WHICH OF THE EARTHLINGS ON THE PLATFORM, I PENETRATE... THEY'RE BOTH SPEAKING TO ALL THESE INFERIOR EARTHLINGS!

YOU DRIFT UP ON THE PLATFORM...TOWARD THE EARTHLINGS WHO ARE SPEAKING...THEN SWIFTLY, IMPERCEPTIBLY, YOU PERMEATE INTO THE HEAD OF ONE OF THE CREATURES...


I'VE DONE IT! I'M INSIDE THIS EARTHLING'S HEAD! THROUGH HIS EYES, I CAN LOOK OUT AND SEE THE OTHER EARTHLINGS IN THIS BUILDING...HOW IGNORANT THEY LOOK!
NOW TO START ENSLAVING THIS CREATURE!

SLOWLY, YOU START TO PROBE WITHIN THE CREATURE'S HEAD... AND THEN YOU REALIZE THAT SOMETHING IS WRONG...

YOU TAKE A CAREFUL LOOK AT THE CREATURE'S HAND AND YOU NOW KNOW THAT YOU'VE MADE A HORRIBLE MISTAKE...

.....YOU DID THE ONE THING YOU NEVER COUNTED ON...YOU ENTERED THE HEAD OF A CREATURE WHO HAS NO BRAIN...WHO IS NOT ALIVE...

AND NOW IT'S TOO LATE...IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO PIERCE THROUGH THIS CREATURE'S HEAD AGAIN...YOU'RE TRAPPED FOREVER...YOUR SHIP WILL SOON GO BACK HOME AND THE INVASION OF EARTH WILL BE CALLED OFF...AND ALL BECAUSE YOU MADE THE MISTAKE OF ENTERING THE HEAD OF A VENTRILOQUIST'S DUMMY!

TRAVELERS IN TIME!

YOU'RE NORMAN CRANE, A TOP NOTCH HOLLYWOOD WRITER, WHO'S EMPLOYED BY "MIRACLE PRODUCTIONS" STUDIO! YOU'VE COME UP WITH SOME TERRIFIC PLOTS, BUT NONE WAS AS EXCITING--AS DIFFERENT AS THE ONE WHICH YOU NOW HASTEN TO GIVE TO YOUR STUDIO BOSS--HOLLYWOOD'S MOST IMAGINATIVE PRODUCER--THE GREAT GRIFFITH CARTWRIGHT...
OH, MR. CARTWRIGHT!
AH, NORMAN... WHAT'S UP, M'BOY? ANY NEW... AH... ACADEMY-AWARD-WINNING IDEAS?
IF THEY GIVE AN AWARD FOR THE MOST UNUSUAL STORY OF THE YEAR, THIS PLOT WILL SURE WIN IT!
COME IN HERE WITH ME, NORMAN --AND TELL ME ABOUT IT!
WELL, SIR... IT'S A PLOT FOR A SCIENCE-FICTION MOVIE! I CALL IT TRAVELERS IN TIME!

YOU NOTICE A TINGE OF SKEPTICISM APPEAR BEHIND THE DECEPTIVELY WARM AND FRIENDLY GAZE OF GRIFFITH CARTWRIGHT...
TRAVELERS IN TIME?
YES SIR! IT'S A STORY ABOUT TIME TRAVEL... TIME TRAVEL AND HAUNTED HOUSES!
YOU START TO RELATE THE FANTASTIC PLOT TO MR. CARTWRIGHT...
YOU SEE, SIR, FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS PEOPLE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO EXPLAIN THE MYSTERY OF HAUNTED HOUSES! ALL THAT'S KNOWN ABOUT THEM IS THAT THEY DID EXIST...AND STILL EXIST!
MANY PEOPLE WON'T BELIEVE THAT A HOUSE CAN BE HAUNTED, BUT ANYBODY WHO HAS EVER BEEN INSIDE A HAUNTED HOUSE, HAS CERTAINLY NEVER FORGOTTEN WHAT IT'S LIKE!
LEMME OUTTA THERE!! THE PLACE IS FILLED W-WITH GHOSTS!!
COUNTLESS TIMES, THESE HAUNTED HOUSES HAVE BEEN SEARCHED, BUT NO CLUE HAS EVER BEEN FOUND AS TO WHAT CAUSES THE UNNATURAL EVENTS WHICH TAKE PLACE IN THEM--THE NOISES, THE MOVING OF FURNITURE, AND ALL THE OTHER THINGS, IN HOUSES WHICH ARE SUPPOSED TO BE EMPTY!
YOU BOYS FIND ANYTHING YET?
NO! IT'S INCREDIBLE... WE'VE BEEN HERE FOR HOURS, AND WE HAVEN'T FOUND ANYTHING WHICH MIGHT EVEN ATTEMPT TO EXPLAIN THE WEIRD NOISES THAT'VE BEEN COMIN' FROM THIS HOUSE!
AND NOW YOU GIVE MR. CARTWRIGHT THE "GIMMICK" OF YOUR PLOT...
I THINK IT WOULD MAKE A GREAT STORY TO HAVE, AS THE EXPLANATION OF THESE HAUNTED HOUSES, THE IDEA THAT THEY ARE THE PLACES WHERE PEOPLE LAND WHEN THEY TRAVEL FROM THE FUTURE BACK INTO OUR SEGMENT OF TIME!
CRANE, THAT'S TOO FANTASTIC--EVEN FOR A MOVIE SCRIPT!
I DON'T THINK IT IS, MR. CARTWRIGHT! AS A MATTER OF FACT, IT MIGHT BE TRUE! AFTER ALL, NOBODY CAN EXPLAIN THE HAUNTED HOUSES... AND TIME TRAVEL, WHILE IT'S BEYOND OUR KNOWLEDGE... IT'S NOT BEYOND OUR IMAGINATION!
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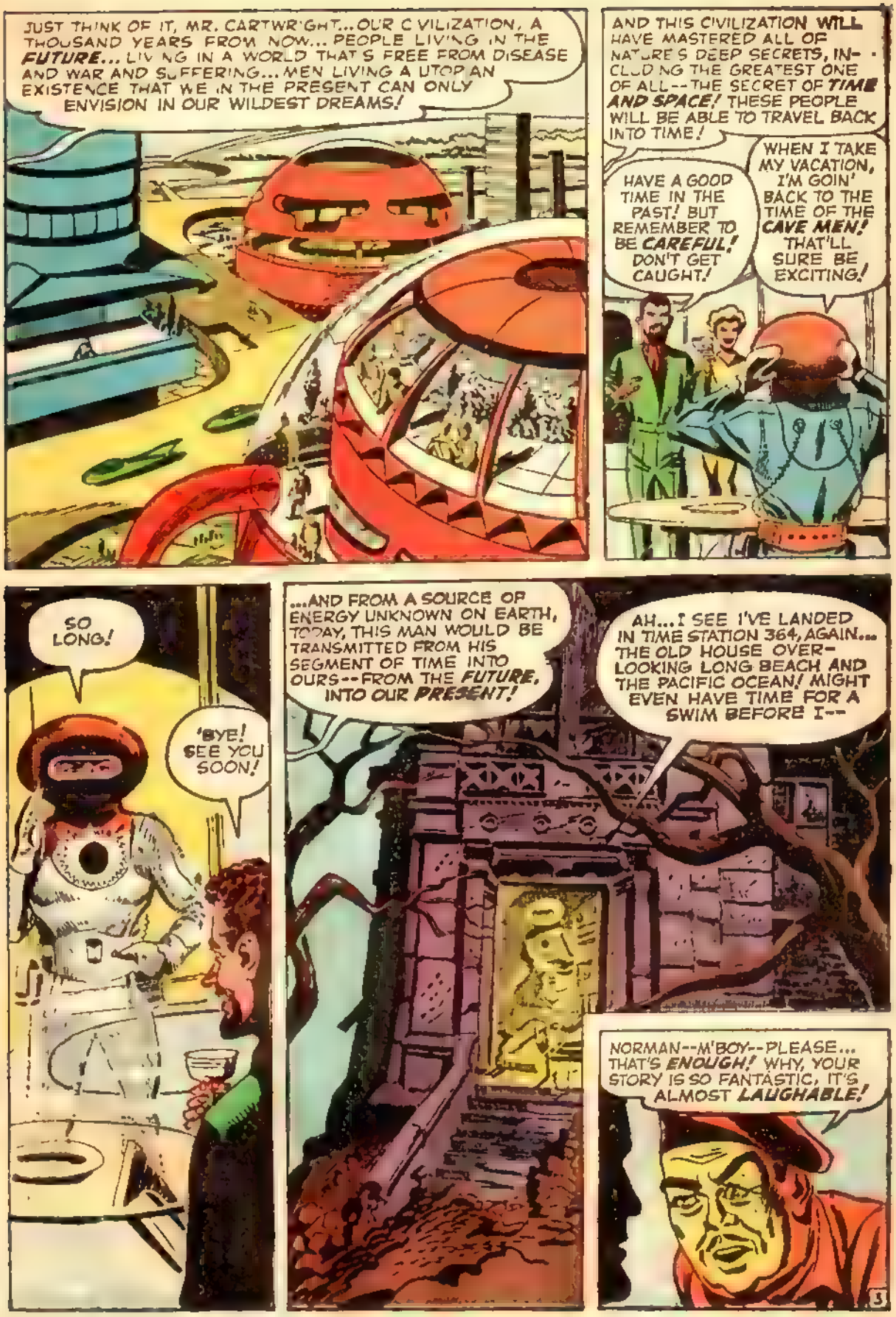
JUST THINK OF IT, MR. CARTWRIGHT...OUR CIVILIZATION, A THOUSAND YEARS FROM NOW... PEOPLE LIVING IN THE FUTURE... LIVING IN A WORLD THAT'S FREE FROM DISEASE AND WAR AND SUFFERING... MEN LIVING A UTOPIAN EXISTENCE THAT WE IN THE PRESENT CAN ONLY ENVISION IN OUR WILDEST DREAMS!
AND THIS CIVILIZATION WILL HAVE MASTERED ALL OF NATURE'S DEEP SECRETS, INCLUDING THE GREATEST ONE OF ALL--THE SECRET OF TIME AND SPACE! THESE PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO TRAVEL BACK INTO TIME!
HAVE A GOOD TIME IN THE PAST! BUT REMEMBER TO BE CAREFUL! DON'T GET CAUGHT!
WHEN I TAKE MY VACATION, I'M GOIN' BACK TO THE TIME OF THE CAVE MEN! THAT'LL SURE BE EXCITING!
SO LONG!
'BYE! SEE YOU SOON!
...AND FROM A SOURCE OF ENERGY UNKNOWN ON EARTH, TODAY, THIS MAN WOULD BE TRANSMITTED FROM HIS SEGMENT OF TIME INTO OURS--FROM THE FUTURE, INTO OUR PRESENT!
AH...I SEE I'VE LANDED IN TIME STATION 364, AGAIN... THE OLD HOUSE OVERLOOKING LONG BEACH AND THE PACIFIC OCEAN! MIGHT EVEN HAVE TIME FOR A SWIM BEFORE I--
NORMAN--M'BOY--PLEASE... THAT'S ENOUGH! WHY, YOUR STORY IS SO FANTASTIC, IT'S ALMOST LAUGHABLE!
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YOU LEAVE THE BUILDING WITH GRIFFITH CARTWRIGHT, WHO TRIES TO SOOTHE THE EXCITED MIND THAT CREATED THE INCREDIBLE--THE RIDICULOUS STORY THAT'S JUST BEEN TOLD TO HIM...

M'BOY, I DON'T WANT YOU TO TROUBLE YOURSELF WITH WORK, FOR AWHILE! YOU JUST TAKE A GOOD REST...RELAX...DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING...MAYBE...AH...IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO GO VISIT A *PSYCHIATRIST!*

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YOU GET IN YOUR CAR AND LEAVE GRIFFITH CARTWRIGHT AND MIRACLE PRODUCTIONS BEHIND, AS YOU WHEEL YOUR WAY UP ALONG THE WESTERN SEABOARD...

BEHIND THAT FRIENDLY SMILE, MR. CARTWRIGHT SURE IS A SHREWD, PRACTICAL MAN! HE'LL NEVER BUY ANY STORY THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE... THAT *ISN'T BELIEVABLE!*

IT'S ALMOST NIGHTFALL BY THE TIME YOU REACH AN OLD AND GLOOMY HOUSE WHICH STANDS ALONE, OVERLOOKING THE BEACH AND POUNDING OCEAN BEFORE IT...

I THINK I'LL FOLLOW CARTWRIGHT'S ADVICE... I'LL TAKE A REST FOR AWHILE... BUT, I'LL DO IT *AFTER I'M HOME!!*

YOU QUICKLY ENTER THE MURKY AND WEATHER-BEATEN HOUSE... A HOUSE WHICH IS RUMORED TO BE *HAUNTED...*

YOU OPEN A VALISE, AND REMOVE A STRANGE *SUIT* THAT YOU PUT ON...

FOR A FEW MOMENTS YOU STAND QUIETLY...THEN SLOWLY, BUT STEADILY, YOU START TO *DEMATERIALIZE...*

YOU CONTINUE TO VANISH UNTIL FINALLY, YOU ARE GONE... YOU HAVE LEFT THIS SEGMENT OF REALITY...YOU HAVE TRAVELED BEYOND WHAT WE CALL THE *PRESENT...*

AND YOU HAVE ARRIVED AT THE PLACE FROM WHERE YOU *ORIGINALLY CAME*...YOU'RE HOME IN THE FUTURE, AGAIN... IN THE YEAR 2889...

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formation. The sun shone down brilliantly and a glittering building stood there. The sign arched above it in rainbow colors, read The Utopia.

Bob shrugged his shoulders, and the cab driver opened the door for him. Bob entered the magnificent restaurant and sure enough there was the round-faced, smiling manager grinning at him!

"Glad to see you again!" he exclaimed, clapping him on the back heartily. "But you don't have a reservation, do you?"

"Do I need one?" Bob asked. He stared at the clock on the wall which was made of stars, and the hands were shaped of two spare, brilliant lightning bolts. "Say, this is quite a new layout," he said admiringly.

"Oh this is nothing much," the proprietor said modestly. "Come outside and I'll show you around."

They proceeded through a rear door into an open courtyard. Here was a swimming pool with a crystal-sky-blue water fountain cascading from it. People frolicked gaily in the pool. Some stood by sipping frosted glasses of moon-ade.

"It's a special concoction that is in great demand here," the manager explained. "Really delicious."

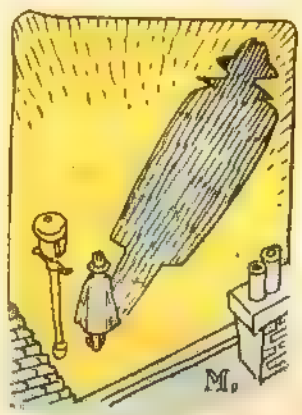
"Might I have a glass?" asked Bob thirstily.

"I'm afraid not," the manager said sadly. "You see these people have established credit here. They've worked hard and honestly all their lives, and they don't make any pretenses about who they are and what they are."

Bob blushed.

"I guess you've heard me make up stories to Fred about my success, and I admit they weren't true. It was foolish of me. But if I'm not able to enjoy The Utopia restaurant up here, why did your driver take me?"

"I'm afraid it was a mistake," the manager admitted. "I reserved a table for someone who looked like you, and when our driver picked you up, he assumed you were headed for this branch. I'll have to have you driven back immediately to the city down there. Sorry, old fellow, but rules are rules. Next time try to be a little more honest in what you tell folks. By and by, you may have



earned enough credit to get you here."

Reluctantly, Bob left the restaurant and was driven down to Earth. It seemed to him he heard the chimes of the star-clock ring out behind him.

He opened his eyes. He shook his head. What a fantastic dream! Here he was in his own room! He must have fallen asleep after he returned from the office. It was late and he would have to hurry to get to The Utopia restaurant on Eighth Street for his appointment with Fred. He was about to put on his new suit, when suddenly he realized that his dream did have a meaning! How foolish he had been to pretend with Fred! Why should he put on airs! It was about time Fred knew the truth about him and was able to accept him as a friend without him being a great success!

He left the new suit hanging in his room and set out for The Utopia restaurant.

At the corner of Eighth Street, he met Fred walking to meet him. And to his amazement, Fred was simply dressed in a neat but cheap suit much like his own!

"I have an apology to make to you," Fred said. "I'm not going to pretend any longer. I'm just a poor shipping clerk struggling to make a living."

Suddenly they began to laugh, and they shook hands warmly. For the first time in years, they felt really close to one another again.

They walked ahead to The Utopia restaurant, but at the usual place the door was bolted, the windows boarded up. A sign on the doorway said *"Under new management . . . Opening Soon."*

"That's funny," said Fred. "I had the strangest dream about this place just before I came here."

"Me too," said Bob in amazement.

At that moment, a cab drew up to the curb.

"You fellows looking for The Utopia?" the driver called. "Hop in and I'll take you there."

Bob and Fred grinned at each other. Neither one of them was surprised when the cab swerved skywards. This time they knew their honesty had won both of them an invitation to elegance!

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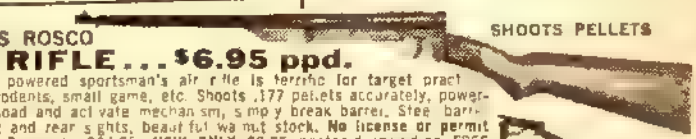

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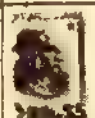

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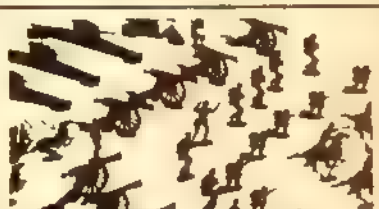

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THIS INVASION OF EARTH WILL BE SWIFT AND EASY, WON'T IT, X233?!!
YES, X79! THE EARTHLINGS ARE NO MATCH FOR US! OUR FORCES ARE ***INVINCIBLE!!*** WE'LL CONQUER ALL EARTH WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE!!
THE EARTHLINGS WILL EITHER SURRENDER UNCONDITIONALLY, OR FACE TOTAL ***DESTRUCTION!!***
THEY'LL SURRENDER--AND BECOME ***SUBJUGATED,*** LIKE ALL THE OTHERS!
T-218
Joe Simon

ON EARTH, THE QUIET OF A WARM SUNLIT DAY WAS BROKEN BY A CHORUS OF SHRILL METALLIC SOUNDS...
GOOD LORD--LOOK!! SPACE SHIPS!!! THOUSANDS OF 'EM!!!
WHERE DO THEY COME FROM??!!
THEY'RE NOT FROM ANY-WHERE ON THIS PLANET!!
W-WHAT CAN THEY WANT?!?!
I DON'T KNOW! BUT LET'S HOPE THEY'RE FRIENDLY!!
ATTENTION!! THIS IS THE INVASION FORCE LEADER!! ALL SPACE SHIPS WILL DISPERSE ACCORDING TO PLAN!!
WITHIN MINUTES THE ALIEN SPACE SHIPS CAME DOWN!! SOME LANDED IN THE UNITED STATES... SOME IN ENGLAND... SOME IN RUSSIA... THEY LANDED IN AUSTRALIA... IN IRELAND... IN JAPAN! THERE WAS NOT ONE LARGE AREA OF EARTH ON WHICH THEY DID NOT MENACINGLY DESCEND...
DO YOU THINK IT'S SOME KIND OF COMMIE TRICK??
NO!! THE REDS ARE AS WORRIED ABOUT THIS AS WE ARE!!
I HAVE NEVER SEEN METAL LIKE THAT, BEFORE!!
OBVIOUSLY, THE SPACE SHIP IS NOT FROM THIS PLANET!!
WHY DON'T THE CREATURES IN THAT SPACE SHIP COME OUT??!!
DON'T GET TOO CLOSE TO THE SHIP, MEN!!
THEY'RE CERTAINLY TAKING THEIR TIME!! PERHAPS THEY'RE LOOKING US OVER FIRST!!
THEN, AT ONE MOMENT, ALL THROUGHOUT EARTH--THE SPACE SHIPS OPENED AND OUT CAME THE MOST AWESOME THREAT EVER SEEN ON EARTH--AN INVADING ARMY OF ROBOTS!!
WE ARE ROBOT WARRIORS FROM THE PLANET "URSA ARIDA"!! WE HAVE COME TO SUBJUGATE EARTH!
SURRENDER, EARTHLINGS--OR YOU WILL DIE!!
WE ROBOTS ARE ALL-POWERFUL!! IT'S USELESS TO RESIST US!!
IF ANY OF YOU EARTHLINGS TRIES TO OPPOSE US, HE'LL BE BLASTED WITH ULTRA-GAMMA RAYS!!
WE KNOW THE LIMITED CAPABILITIES OF YOUR EARTH WEAPONS--JUST AS WE KNOW HOW TO SPEAK YOUR MANY TONGUES!
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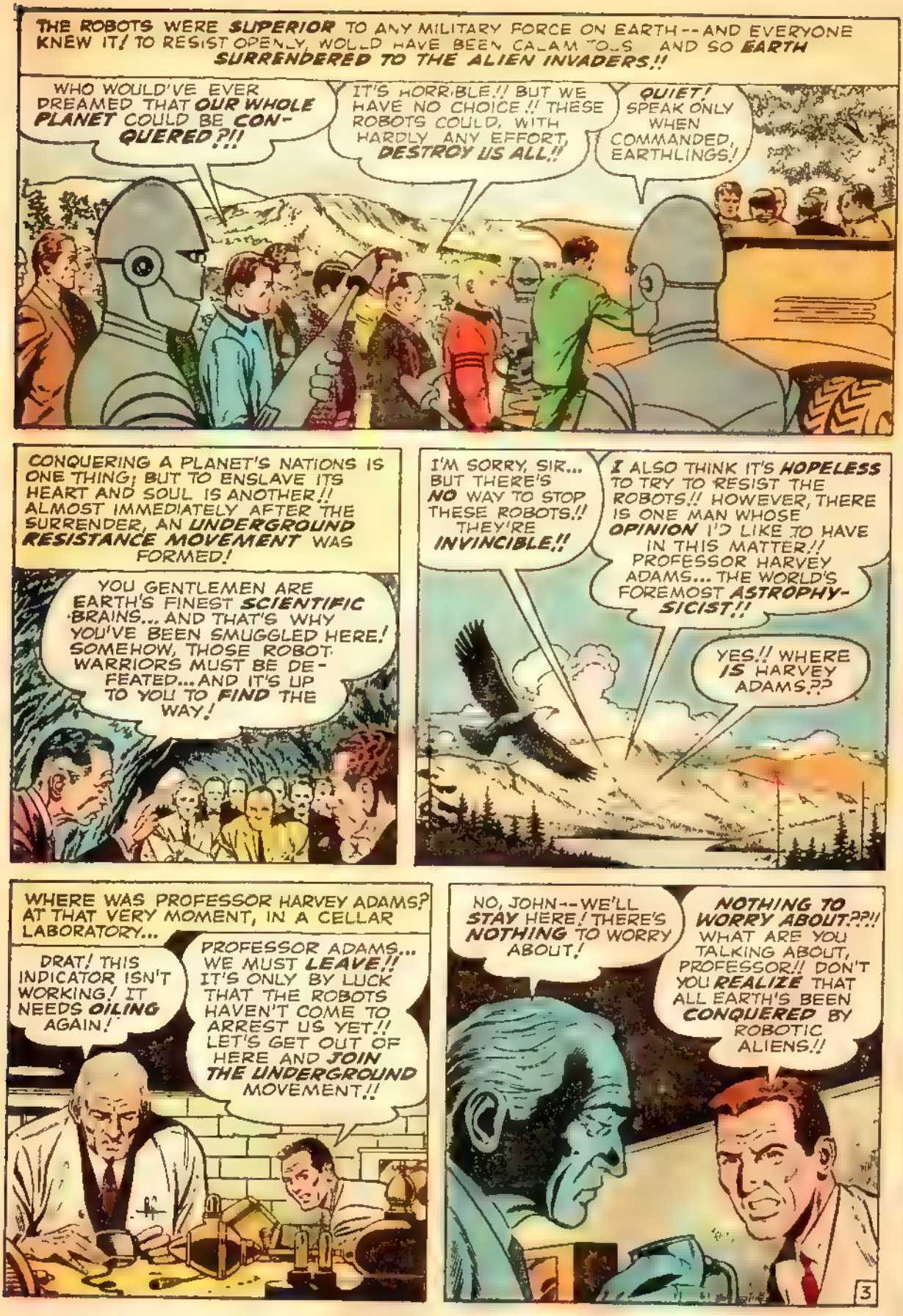
THE ROBOTS WERE SUPERIOR TO ANY MILITARY FORCE ON EARTH--AND EVERYONE KNEW IT! TO RESIST OPENLY, WOULD HAVE BEEN CALAMITOUS AND SO EARTH SURRENDERED TO THE ALIEN INVADERS!!
WHO WOULD'VE EVER DREAMED THAT OUR WHOLE PLANET COULD BE CONQUERED?!!
IT'S HORRIBLE!! BUT WE HAVE NO CHOICE!! THESE ROBOTS COULD, WITH HARDLY ANY EFFORT, DESTROY US ALL!!
QUIET! SPEAK ONLY WHEN COMMANDED, EARTHLINGS!
CONQUERING A PLANET'S NATIONS IS ONE THING; BUT TO ENSLAVE ITS HEART AND SOUL IS ANOTHER!! ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SURRENDER, AN UNDERGROUND RESISTANCE MOVEMENT WAS FORMED!
YOU GENTLEMEN ARE EARTH'S FINEST SCIENTIFIC BRAINS... AND THAT'S WHY YOU'VE BEEN SMUGGLED HERE! SOMEHOW, THOSE ROBOT WARRIORS MUST BE DEFEATED... AND IT'S UP TO YOU TO FIND THE WAY!
I'M SORRY, SIR... BUT THERE'S NO WAY TO STOP THESE ROBOTS!! THEY'RE INVINCIBLE!!
I ALSO THINK IT'S HOPELESS TO TRY TO RESIST THE ROBOTS!! HOWEVER, THERE IS ONE MAN WHOSE OPINION I'D LIKE TO HAVE IN THIS MATTER!! PROFESSOR HARVEY ADAMS... THE WORLD'S FOREMOST ASTROPHYSICIST!!
YES!! WHERE IS HARVEY ADAMS??
WHERE WAS PROFESSOR HARVEY ADAMS? AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN A CELLAR LABORATORY...
DRAT! THIS INDICATOR ISN'T WORKING! IT NEEDS OILING AGAIN!
PROFESSOR ADAMS... WE MUST LEAVE!! IT'S ONLY BY LUCK THAT THE ROBOTS HAVEN'T COME TO ARREST US YET!! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE AND JOIN THE UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT!!
NO, JOHN--WE'LL STAY HERE! THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT!
NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT??!! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, PROFESSOR!! DON'T YOU REALIZE THAT ALL EARTH'S BEEN CONQUERED BY ROBOTIC ALIENS!!
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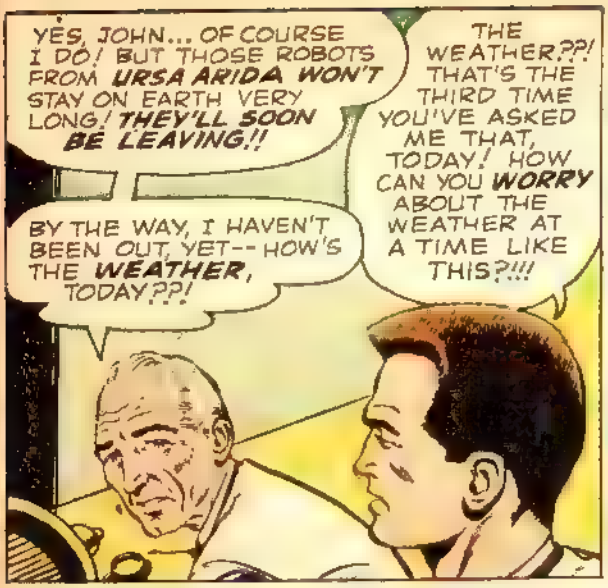
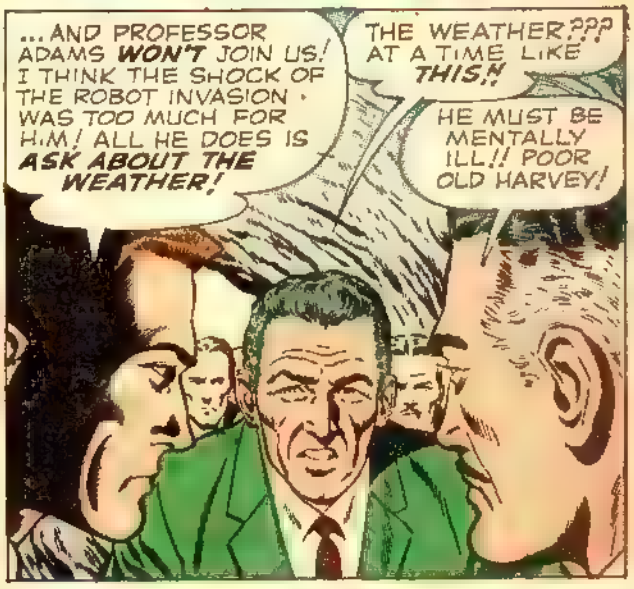
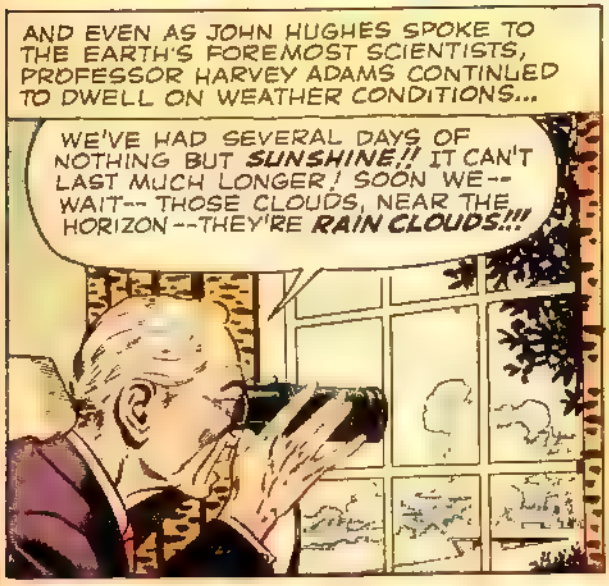

YES, JOHN... OF COURSE I DO! BUT THOSE ROBOTS FROM URSA ARIDA WON'T STAY ON EARTH VERY LONG! THEY'LL SOON BE LEAVING!!
THE WEATHER?!? THAT'S THE THIRD TIME YOU'VE ASKED ME THAT, TODAY! HOW CAN YOU WORRY ABOUT THE WEATHER AT A TIME LIKE THIS?!!!
BY THE WAY, I HAVEN'T BEEN OUT YET-- HOW'S THE WEATHER, TODAY?!?

PROFESSOR--I'M LEAVING TO JOIN THE OTHER SCIENTISTS, UNDERGROUND! IF YOU FEEL ANY SENSE OF LOYALTY TO YOUR COUNTRY, YOU'LL COME WITH ME!

JOHN, WAIT!! THAT'S NOT NECESSARY! EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT! JOHN... DON'T YOU BELIEVE ME?
I SEE IT'S NO USE TALKING TO YOU!! THE SHOCK OF EARTH BEING DEFEATED MUST'VE MADE YOU LOSE YOUR SENSES! GOOD-BYE!!


...AND PROFESSOR ADAMS WON'T JOIN US! I THINK THE SHOCK OF THE ROBOT INVASION WAS TOO MUCH FOR HIM! ALL HE DOES IS ASK ABOUT THE WEATHER!
THE WEATHER?!?! AT A TIME LIKE THIS?!
HE MUST BE MENTALLY ILL!! POOR OLD HARVEY!


AND EVEN AS JOHN HUGHES SPOKE TO THE EARTH'S FOREMOST SCIENTISTS, PROFESSOR HARVEY ADAMS CONTINUED TO DWELL ON WEATHER CONDITIONS...
WE'VE HAD SEVERAL DAYS OF NOTHING BUT SUNSHINE!! IT CAN'T LAST MUCH LONGER! SOON WE-- WAIT-- THOSE CLOUDS, NEAR THE HORIZON--THEY'RE RAIN CLOUDS!!!

IT'S RAINING!! AT LAST IT'S RAINING!! AND NOW WE'LL SEE IF I'VE LOST MY SENSES!

TWO WEEKS PASSED, DURING WHICH MOST OF EARTH RECEIVED A LARGE INTERMITTANT RAINFALL! THEN, IT **SLOWLY BEGAN TO HAPPEN...**

I-I CAN HARDLY MOVE MY ARMS!! I DONT UNDERSTAND IT! **WHAT** COULD HAVE CAUSED THIS??!!

PERHAPS IT WAS **THAT** WHICH FELL FROM THE CLOUDS! I THINK THE EARTHLINGS CALLED IT **RAIN!!**

I'M GETTING ALL **STIFF!!**

QUICK, EARTHLING--TELL ME--WHAT IS THIS **BROWN** MATTER THAT HAS APPEARED ON MY JOINTS??!!

W-WHY, THAT'S **RUST!!** HAVEN'T YOU EVER SEEN IT BEFORE ???

NO!! WE **NEVER HEARD** OF IT!!

A COUNCIL OF THE ROBOT CHIEFS WAS CALLED TO DISCUSS THE INSIDIOUS ENEMY THAT HAD APPEARED IN THEIR MIDST! A CREEPING, SPREADING ADVERSARY KNOWN AS **RUST!!** BUT WHILE THE COUNCIL WAS IN SESSION...

OUR LEADER, X233... HE'S **IMMOBILE**, FROM **RUST!!!**

WE NEVER **FIGURED** ON ENCOUNTERING ANYTHING LIKE THIS RUST!! IT'S MUCH **TOO DANGEROUS** FOR US TO **REMAIN** ON EARTH... WE'D ALL BETTER LEAVE IMMEDIATELY!!

YES... LET'S ALL **GO HOME** AT ONCE!! BEFORE THIS ACCURSED RUST IMMOBILIZES **ALL** OF US!

THE NEXT DAY WAS A WONDERFULLY BRIGHT DAY AS THE MIGHTY ROBOT INVASION FORCE TOOK OFF FROM EARTH... AND HEADED **BACK** TO THE WORLD FROM WHICH IT HAD COME...

BUT **HOW** DID YOU KNOW THIS WOULD HAPPEN, HARVEY??

I KNEW IT WHEN I HEARD THAT THE ROBOTS CAME FROM **URSA ARIDA!** YOU SEE, THAT PLANET IS IN A **DRY** STAR SYSTEM -- IN A REMOTE PART OF THE UNIVERSE WHERE IT **NEVER RAINS!!**

AND SINCE THESE CREATURES HAD **NEVER KNOWN RAIN** BEFORE, I FIGURED THEY WOULDN'T SUSPECT THE HARM IT COULD DO TO THEM BY CAUSING **RUST...** AND THEY WOULDN'T KNOW HOW TO COPE WITH THE RUST ONCE IT HAD FORMED ON THEM!!

AND YOU KNOW, I'M VERY GLAD THE ROBOTS WERE DEFEATED **THIS** WAY!! IT'S ALMOST AS THO' PROVIDENCE HAD SAID: "THIS UNIVERSE IS BIG-- **TOO BIG AND UNKNOWN**, FOR **HOSTILE** ACTIONS! IF YOU WOULD TRAVEL -- DO SO IN **PEACE!!** OTHERWISE, BEWARE OF RETRIBUTION!"

THE END

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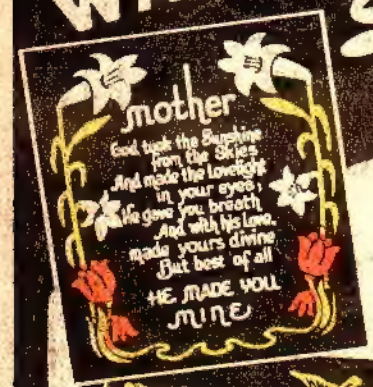

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BEFORE

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BEFORE

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